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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b) Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

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